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## LOCAL TROOP TO BE MUSTERED IN

PAW PAW HOME GUARD WILL  
BE KNOWN AS COMPANY 10  
OF THE MICHIGAN STATE  
TROOPS.

## CAPTAIN BLAKE HERE TONIGHT

Officer in the M. N. G. Ordered to  
Paw Paw to Muster Local Com-  
pany into the State Service To-  
night.

The Paw Paw company of Home  
Guards will be mustered in the  
State Service this Friday evening  
and will henceforth be known as  
Company ten of the Michigan State  
Troops. Notice was received last  
Monday morning that Captain Blake  
of the Michigan National Guard had  
been ordered to Paw Paw on Friday  
evening, May 18th, to muster in the  
local troop.

The organization was completed  
on Tuesday evening as follows:

Captain, Bennett McKinstry  
First Lieutenant, Frank Miller  
Second Lieutenant, F. N. Wakeman  
First Sergeant, Paul Smith  
Second Sergeant, Wm. E. Nichols  
One other sergeant and corporal  
will be elected at a later date.

When the company was first or-  
ganized, Mark Chaffee was elected  
Captain, and he appointed McKin-  
stry and Miller 1st, and 2nd, Lieuten-  
ants respectively. Captain Chaffee  
was among those who entered the  
Military Training camp at Fort  
Sheridan, which left the company  
without an organization. At the  
meeting Tuesday evening, Merle H.  
Young was made chairman of the  
evening, and Jay Dodge secretary.  
The chairman appointed Paul H.  
Smith and H. H. Adams tellers. All  
ballots were informal, the one re-  
ceiving the highest number of votes  
being made the unanimous choice by  
viva voce vote.

There are now sixty-five names  
on the roster, but several of those  
already signed have decided that it  
is impossible for them to remain  
with the company. Others have  
signed their intention of joining,  
and it is confidently expected that  
the roster will contain upwards of  
seventy-five men. A majority of the  
company are not at present eligible  
for army service. They are eligible  
however for the Home Guard. Every  
one has a sacred duty to per-  
form during this national crisis.  
Enlistment in the Home Guard is  
only a little, but every one should  
show a willingness to do their "bit."  
If you are not already signed up  
for enlistment, show your loyalty  
and willingness to do your part,  
whatever it may be by coming to the  
Racket Store tonight (Friday) at  
7:30 o'clock and be mustered in with  
the company. The duties of the  
Home Guard, the regulations by  
which they will be governed, and  
the reason for the organization were  
all explained in these columns last  
week. Paw Paw is the first town  
in this section of the state to be  
mustered into the service. Other  
villages however are making prepara-  
tions for an early muster, and it  
is hoped and expected that the Paw  
Paw company will compare favor-  
ably with the company in this  
division. Are you ready to do your  
part? Remember that Captain Blake  
will be here tonight, and that all  
those who have already signed enlist-  
ment papers and as many others as  
may feel it a patriotic and loyal  
duty are expected to be present.  
Let us show the mustering officer  
and our state that there are no  
"slackers" in this community.

## ALL IS WELL WITH OUR BOYS AT FORT SHERIDAN

A card just received from Robert  
Dillon states that everything is  
going finely at Fort Sheridan, and  
the boys are well satisfied. It is all  
business though with no play. The  
card says:—"We get up at 5:30 A.  
M. and turn in at 10:00 P. M. and  
we are going all the time, if we at-  
tend to business." Paw Paw is proud  
of its representation at the camp.  
The boys are among the best the  
land affords, and will not be found  
wanting in any particular.

## BASE BALL TEAM IN LEAD GOOD PENNANT PROSPECTS.

The local high school base ball  
team continues to win. In the ten  
games played thus far this season  
they have won eight, tied one with  
Kalamazoo Normal High school and  
been defeated but once and that by  
Allegan.

Four county schools have been de-  
feated, Lawton and Hartford each  
twice, and Decatur and Lawrence  
once each.

It now looks as if Lawton and  
Lawrence would play previous to  
Field Day to determine which team  
will play the team winning in the  
Northern division.

Lawrence comes here this after-  
noon. The game will be called at  
3:30. It is the last championship  
game having a standing in the Field  
Day percentages.

Great hopes are placed in Carr and  
Dow who have shown better than  
any battery pair yet to oppose the  
locals. DeWaters is playing a  
"star" game too, being especially  
strong in attack. His hitting and  
base running have been a feature in  
every game this season.

The team needs support and it is  
hoped that a large number will be  
present at the game this afternoon.  
We should all help to support a  
winning team.

## BLAZE TUESDAY FIRST IN PAW PAW IN NEARLY YEAR

The fire department was called out  
Tuesday noon for the first time in  
nearly a year. The blaze was in the  
Ford Wilbur barn at the rear of the  
Taylor-Wilbur residence. The barn  
was locked and the fire had a good  
start before the blaze was discovered.  
Mrs. Wilbur with rare presence of  
mind, unlocked the door and ran the  
automobile out, then gave the alarm.  
The department was very prompt in  
responding, and did splendid service.  
On account of the close proximity of  
other buildings, it was a hazardous  
place for a fire, but the flames were  
subdued, saving all the lower part  
of the building before it could spread  
to nearby buildings. The origin of  
the fire is a mystery, and the only  
solution is spontaneous combustion,  
probably from an empty oil tank  
that stood close to the building on  
the north.

## NOT SO BAD AS CIVIL WAR DAYS EVEN WITH THE RAISE.

On May 20th, the Sunday papers  
will go up to eight cents. The raise  
is on account of the war tax, but  
even at that it is not so bad as in  
Civil War times. In those days a  
stage driver who drove between Paw  
Paw and Lawton, sounded his horn  
when he reached the Baptist church  
corner, and the crowd would gather  
in front of the Dyckman house. The  
driver sold the single daily paper he  
brought over for 25 cents, which  
amount had been made up by the  
crowd, and some one would mount  
a box and read the news to the  
assembled audience.

## CIRCUIT COURT CONVENES ON MAY 28 WITH 73 CASES.

Circuit Court for the county of  
Van Buren will convene for the regu-  
lar term on Monday May 28th. The  
jurors, a list of whom will be  
found elsewhere in this issue will  
report for duty the second Monday  
of the term.

The calendar for the term will be  
made up as follows:—Criminal  
calendar none; Issues of fact, 16;  
Chancery 47; Chancery cases in  
which no progress has been made  
within one year, 10; Total cases on  
calendar, 73. Of the 47 chancery  
cases, 25 are petitions for divorce.

Charles E. Stafford of Bangor  
was in Paw Paw on Tuesday. He is  
a member of company "C" of the  
32nd, Regiment M. N. G., and while  
at present he is one of the rural  
mail carriers from the Bangor office,  
he expects to be called to join his  
regiment at any minute. He came  
to get information about forming a  
Bangor unit for the Michigan State  
Troops and is anxious to get a com-  
pany mustered in before he leaves  
for the front. Mr. Stafford has been  
in military circles for a period of  
twelve years.

V. A. Lepper of Lawrence and Dr.  
O. M. Vaughan of Covert were call-  
ing on Paw Paw friends Thursday.

## LOCAL NEWS

The Van Buskirk concert company  
of Bangor under the direction of Mrs.  
Aileen Van Buskirk Bennett will  
give a high school musical concert  
at the Gliddenburg school house on  
Wednesday evening May 23rd. Ad-  
mission 10 and 20 cents.

Mrs. Jesse Barton left on Tuesday  
for Ann Arbor where she will be the  
guest of Mrs. E. M. Kingsbury.

Charles Fisk and G. A. Cross of  
Lawrence were Paw Paw visitors  
last Saturday.

Mrs. Cora Bilsborrow has gone to  
Detroit where she will be the guest  
of her son Frank.

Mrs. Lester Jennings returned last  
Friday from a two weeks visit with  
her son Ralph in Washington, D. C.  
It was a delightful trip for Mrs.  
Jennings and one that she will never  
forget.

Mrs. E. Cone, who suffered a  
stroke of paralysis some two weeks  
ago, is very sick and a great suffer-  
er.

O'Grady Bros. store is open every  
evening except Tuesday and Thurs-  
days when they close on account of  
the Home Guard drill.

Sheriff Beattie was in Chicago  
the first of the week on business.

The True Northerner advertises  
an auction sale for Herbert Salt  
this week. The sale will be at his  
place two miles east of Lawrence  
on Thursday May 24th. He will  
close out a fine line of farming im-  
plements on account of continued ill  
health.

E. J. Anderson of Hartford was a  
Paw Paw visitor on Tuesday last.

Wm. Martin of South Haven had  
business in Paw Paw last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Zelon Cleveland en-  
tertained Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson  
and daughter Irene and Mr. and Mrs.  
Robert Chapman last Sunday.

Now is the time to bring in your  
Panama hats to be cleaned and re-  
blocked. Store open Tuesday, Thurs-  
day and Saturday evenings. The  
Popular Hat Shop, Miss Lupnitz  
proprietor.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cross are en-  
tertaining her mother, Mrs. Jennie  
Paul.

O'Grady Bros. have a fine line of  
American flags. The size is five by  
eight and they are beauties. If you  
haven't a large flag, now is an op-  
portunity to get one before Mem-  
orial day.

Harry Cross who has held the  
position of Financial clerk of the  
Senate during the last session of the  
legislature has finished his labors  
for the state and returned home.  
Mrs. Cross has been with him, and  
held a clerical position in the Food  
Preparedness department of the  
state.

R. W. Broughton, H. A. Shower-  
man and Merle Young will leave on  
Monday next for Lansing where they  
will attend the annual session of the  
Grand Lodge F. and A. M. of Michi-  
gan.

## LOCAL BOY LAUNCHES NEW

ENTERPRISE FOR PAW PAW.



Vernon C. Decker.

H. L. McNeil and F. R. Bassett  
were in Owosso the first of the week  
to attend the annual session of the  
Grand Lodge I. O. O. F.

The members of the Maids and  
Matrons club were royally entertain-  
ed at the home of Mrs. Al Hind-  
enach last Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Carney of Law-  
rence were Sunday guests of their  
aunt Miss Josie Van Auker of this  
place.

Many early gardens have had to  
be replanted. The continued cold  
weather has caused the seeds to rot  
in the ground.

Attend the base ball game this  
afternoon. Lawrence vs. Paw Paw  
and the last championship game on  
the local grounds prior to Field Day.

Harry Barnard and father of  
South Haven were guests of their  
cousins at the Glenburn farm.

Charley Cole who is attending  
college in Alma, Michigan was a  
week end guest at the home of Mr.  
and Mrs. H. A. Cole.

Dr. F. A. Racette wishes to an-  
nounce that he will be out of his  
office Wednesday of each week from  
now on. On the request of Mr. M.  
W. Wentworth of the Battle Creek  
Sanitarium, he will be in the office  
of Dr. Richard Kellogg which is sit-  
uated in the main building to do  
Ostodonia operations for the regu-  
lation of the teeth. He now has  
eight cases in charge there. Doctor  
Racette has been making that branch  
of dentistry a special study for the  
past five years.

Report has been current this week  
of an advance in Ford cars. Packer  
and Giddings state that there has  
been no advance to date. However  
all Ford agents have been instructed  
to place on all orders the following  
notation:—"If the retail price is in-  
creased before delivery of car, pur-  
chaser may pay such increase or  
cancel order and have deposit return-  
ed. A small increase in price is  
looked for.

Lawton has organized a Home  
Guard unit of eighty men. They  
will undoubtedly be mustered in the  
State Troops at an early date.

Mrs. Will Stanley and daughter of  
Battle Creek are the guests of her  
parents Mr. and Mrs. Will McKen-  
drick.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt Colburn and  
family motored to Decatur Sunday  
where they spent the day with rela-  
tives.

E. A. Mallory and Roy Cleveland  
and son Geo of Lacota were guests  
on Mothers Day of Roy's parents  
Mr. and Mrs. Zelon Cleveland.

The Van Buren county Field Day  
will be held this year in South Haven  
on Friday June 1st. As usual it is  
anticipated that Paw Paw will play  
an important part in the various  
events of the day, and everybody  
is boosting for the base ball team  
to bring home the pennant. Attend  
the championship game this after-  
noon with Lawrence on the local  
diamond.

## NINE LEFT OF THE FAMOUS "LAFAYETTE LIGHT GUARDS"

A picture of the Lafayette Light  
Guards, taken the morning they left  
Paw Paw to join their regiment in  
1861 is a very interesting relic these  
days. A. W. Cumings, fier in that  
famous company has such a picture  
which he has been showing to  
friends during the week. It was  
taken on the corner of what is now  
Main and Kalamazoo streets. An  
interesting feature of the picture is  
a small boy standing at the head of  
the column. It is hard to believe  
from looking at the picture, but the  
small boy is Fenner Hays. The  
drills of the company had a strong  
fascination for Fenner in his boy-  
hood days and he did not miss a  
drill, and was present when the  
picture was "Took." There are now  
but nine left of this company and  
their names are as follows:—John  
Sirrime and A. W. Cumings, Paw  
Paw; Wm. H. Bullard, Niles; James  
Abrams, Lawrence; John Barnum,  
Decatur; Robert McKinstry, Detroit;  
Henry Crandall, Oceanside, Califor-  
nia; David Briggs, Naper, Nebraska;  
and Mark Worthington, Vicksburg,  
Michigan. One member of the com-  
pany, Edward Carney of Decatur,  
answered the last call last week, and  
was laid to rest Sunday. His com-  
rades Sirrime and Cumings of Paw  
Paw went to attend the funeral.

## FORMER PAW PAW BOY TAKES BRIDE IN GRAND RAPIDS.

The Grand Rapids Herald of last  
Sunday contains an account of the  
marriage of Beryl J. Holmes, son of  
J. D. Holmes formerly of Paw  
Paw. The bride was Miss Lucile  
Ainsworth, and the ceremony was  
solemnized at the home of her  
father, A. S. Ainsworth of that city  
last Saturday evening. Only the  
families and a few close friends were  
bidden to the wedding.

Beryl was born and spent his  
boyhood days in Paw Paw. Since  
growing to young manhood he has  
been in the employ of a large fur-  
niture concern of that city and has  
made a splendid record as their re-  
presentative. The True Northerner  
joins his host of Paw Paw friends in  
felicitations and wish for the happy  
couple a long and prosperous jour-  
ney through life.

Mr. and Mrs. Holmes left im-  
mediately after the ceremony for a  
wedding trip and will be at home to  
their friends at 215 Carlton Avenue,  
Grand Rapids after June 1st.

## VAN BUREN COUNTY JAIL IS EMPTY FOR NINETEEN DAYS.

The Van Buren county jail has  
broken the record for "Emptiness"  
From April 27th, until May 15th,  
not a single prisoner was confined  
there. The condition might have  
continued indefinitely if one "Billie"  
Hand had not strayed from the  
straight and narrow. He filled clear  
up to the muzzle on Holland Whisky  
and made himself a public nuisance  
at Hartford. Billie insisted that he  
was perfectly sober, yet Under-  
sheriff Lang didn't "Have a heart"  
and placed the old time offender be-  
hind the bars, and the long period  
of loneliness at the county bastille  
was broken.

## LAWRENCE BOY LEAVES THE NORMAL TO JOIN THE ARMY.

Will Braybrooks, son of Mr. and  
Mrs. James Braybrooks of Lawrence  
has enlisted in the engineer corps  
of the United States army and left  
last Saturday for the barracks at  
Columbus, Ohio. He is a student  
at the Western State Normal, where  
he will be given full credit for the  
years work and graduated with his  
class, although he will probably not  
be present at the Commencement ex-  
ercises. As soon as the preliminary  
training is completed at Columbus  
he will be assigned to a company of  
engineers in the regular army.

## SCHOOL BOYS WILL WORK ON FARMS AND GET CREDIT.

In keeping with the patriotic spirit  
shown by the schools and colleges  
all over the country, the local school  
board have announced that full  
credit will be given for the school  
year to those who desire to leave  
the school and do their "bit" on the  
farm. It is expected that many of  
the young men in the schools will  
avail themselves of the opportunity  
to render this patriotic service for  
their country.

## STATE GIVES UP BELGIAN RELIEF

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
TAKES OVER ENTIRE WORK,  
AND GOVERNOR SLEEPER  
CALLS CAMPAIGN OFF.

## MONEY GOES TO RED CROSS

Paw Paw Responds Generously to  
the Call for Aid and Does Her  
Share to Swell the State Fund.

Paw Paw efforts to swell the state  
fund to feed the starving babies of  
Belgium was officially declared at  
an end last week, because the United  
States Government has made a huge  
appropriation to take over all the  
Belgian Relief work. The citizens  
of Paw Paw did their part nobly and  
well, and the money subscribed will  
be returned to Paw Paw and used in  
the organization of the Red Cross  
work. If there are any subscribers  
to the fund who do not approve of  
this disposition of the money, it will  
be returned to original donors. The  
plan however should meet the ap-  
proval of everybody, and subscrip-  
tions and financial assistance should  
continue to increase for Red Cross  
work. The members of the Red  
Cross society everywhere are truly  
"Angels of Mercy" in time of war,  
and the society has a noble and  
patriotic duty before them in the  
present world conflict. The money  
subscribed and paid in by Paw Paw  
people is sufficient for the care of  
twenty-five children.

Governor Sleeper, head of the Bel-  
gian Relief movement in Michigan  
has issued the following statement:

"Now that the United States Gov-  
ernment has officially pledged  
\$7,500,000 monthly for Belgian re-  
lief, it has been deemed unnecessary  
to continue for the present the ac-  
tivities of the Michigan state com-  
mittee and of the Dollar-a-month club.  
The Michigan executive committee  
in session in Governor Sleeper's  
office was in telephonic communica-  
tion with the office of Mr. Hoover  
and the Belgian relief commission  
in New York City and was advised  
from that office that it might dis-  
continue present activities and can-  
cel the pledges for future payments  
"Contributions already made are to  
be turned over to the Belgian relief  
commission in New York city, to be  
used for the Belgian children."

"The Michigan State committee on  
Belgian relief desires to express its  
sincere thanks to all contributors  
and to all the workers who have  
taken the lead in organizing local  
branches in Michigan cities in the  
interest of the starving Belgian  
children. The state is to be con-  
gratulated on the quick and generous  
response of its citizens to this ur-  
gent and worthy cause."

## COUNTY CLERK DECKER ENTERED FORT SHERIDAN.

County clerk, Royal E. Decker  
left for Fort Sheridan last Sunday  
to enter the Military Training camp  
for officers. Royal is the fourth of  
the Paw Paw boys to enter the camp,  
and is just the kind and character  
of young men who is needed and  
who will make good in whatever  
capacity he is placed. He is strong  
and vigorous, athletic, and a success.  
He has made a splendid record as  
county clerk, and his host of friends  
are proud to know that he was one  
of the first to answer his country's  
call. The business of the clerk's  
office will be in charge of Deputy  
clerk, R. W. Broughton with an able  
assistant. So the business will re-  
ceive the same careful attention dur-  
ing the clerk's absence as it has in  
the past.

Hartford held a monster patriotic  
mass meeting last night. Attorney  
N. H. Stewart of Kalamazoo was the  
principal speaker and much enthu-  
siasm was manifested in the orga-  
nization of a Home Guard unit at  
that place. The Paw Paw high  
school band as usual donated their  
services, which we are sure were  
appreciated by our neighboring vil-  
lage. Mayor Glenn Warner assist-  
ed in the arrangements and piloted  
the speaker and local delegation to  
their destination.